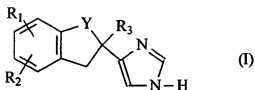


IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter and amend claims 1, 4 and 18, as indicated below. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

1. (Currently Amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form containing, as an active ingredient, a substituted imidazole derivative of general formula (I):



wherein Y is $-\text{CH}_2-$ or $-\text{CO}-$, R_1 is halo or hydroxy, R_2 is H or halo, and R_3 is H or lower alkyl (e.g. C_1 to C_4 alkyl, preferably C_1 or C_2 alkyl), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ~~such as an acid addition salt, e.g. the hydrochloride,~~ of a compound of the general formula (I), so as to promote pre-gastric absorption of the active ingredient,

and wherein the fast-dispersing, solid dosage form is formulated to disintegrate within 10 seconds of being placed in the oral cavity.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 2, which comprises a network of the active ingredient and a water-soluble or water-dispersible carrier which is inert towards the active ingredient, the network having been obtained

by subliming solvent from a composition in the solid state, said composition comprising the active ingredient and a solution of the carrier in a solvent.

4. (Currently Amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 3[[4]], additionally comprising one or more matrix forming agents.

5. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 4, wherein the matrix forming agents comprise one or more of gelatin and a cyclic sugar.

6. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 5, wherein the matrix forming agents comprise gelatin and at least one cyclic sugar.

7. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 6, wherein the gelatin is fish gelatin.

8. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 6, wherein the cyclic sugar is mannitol.

9. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 6, wherein the matrix forming agent(s) includes an amino acid.

10. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 4, wherein the matrix forming agent(s) includes an amino acid.

11. (Original) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 10, wherein the amino acid is glycine.

12. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 1, wherein Y is $-\text{CH}_2-$.

13. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 1, wherein R_1 is halo or hydroxy.

14. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 1, wherein R_1 is halo.

15. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 1, wherein R_1 is 5-halo.

16. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 1, wherein R_1 is fluoro.

17. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 1, wherein R_2 is hydrogen.

18. (Currently Amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 1, wherein R_3 is ethyl.

19. (Cancelled)